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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Trip Report, Prairie Paint & Adhesives Company  
Mahomet, Illinois

FROM: Pierre Talbert  
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TO: Mary Gade, Chief  
Solid Waste & Emergency  
Response Branch

On February 6, 1984, I \*/ attended a meeting of representatives from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), the Estate of James E. Campbell, and Mid-America Services, Inc. (MAES) to discuss and negotiate the cleanup of 86 drums of hazardous waste in Mahomet, Illinois. Subsequent to this meeting we met in chambers with Judge Townsend of the Champaign Circuit Court to tell him of our efforts.

The attorney (Waalder) for the Administrator of the Estate solicited bids for cleanup of the site. Because the Administrator cannot act without court approval, Waalder noticed a hearing to discuss his efforts and obtain approval to contract with a cleanup company. Waalder asked, and received, assistance from us (U.S. EPA and IEPA) regarding the evaluation of the cleanup bids. MAES submitted the low bid and we discussed its proposal with its field representative. I am satisfied that MAES will properly dispose of the waste and the price seems reasonable.

The Judge was then called to hear a status report. After I gave him the report he ordered the expenditure of Estate funds to MAES for cleanup. He also ordered that the Administrator of the Estate could enter into an administrative order (\$106) with U.S. EPA as a memorial of the cleanup work. The cleanup schedule in the order will conform to the contract schedule between MAES and the Estate. We expect the site to be clear of the drums by March 1, 1984.

After the Judge's briefing and order, I was requested by Waaler to draft contractual language for him and MAES. He wanted to be sure that the action at the site conformed to EPA's hazardous waste handling requirements. I provided him with language and contract conditions and then discussed each item. The parties agreed to use my language.

There is the possibility of some soil contamination at the site (50' x 50'). There is, based on available information, no imminent hazard. IEPA has agreed to sample the soil when the weather clears and the Estate has agreed to do whatever is necessary to take care of the problem, should one exist.

I expect to receive the MAES-Estate contract in the next few days. Upon receipt I will draft a \$106 agreed order and have it approved. If everything goes as planned the site will be clear and an order will be in place by March 1, 1984.

If you have any questions please ask.

cc: Schaefer  
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